

Proposed Staff Text Clarifications

Donner Memorial State Park Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR

Based on staff comments on the Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR, the following text clarifications are recommended. These changes are being submitted to the State Park and Recreation Commission for their consideration and possible approval to be part of the approved final General Plan. Bold text has been taken directly from the Preliminary General Plan. The underlined words will be additions to the text; the text showing strikethroughs will be deleted.

1. In the SUMMARY OF THE PLAN, page 3, revise the following sentence in the first paragraph:

~~Although~~ Resource management programs and facility development have taken place over the years prior to the requirement that a General Plan be prepared for each park unit. ~~a general plan has not been prepared until now~~ This is the first unit-wide General Plan to be prepared to guide long-range management programs and facility development in the park.

2. In the SUMMARY OF THE PLAN, page 6, New Museum/Visitor Center Alternatives section, paragraph 4, remove the following sentence:

~~(The building was not constructed here because acquisition of that parcel of land had not been completed at the time funds were available for construction of a new museum.)~~

3. In the PARK SUMMARY section, page 17, first paragraph under Recreational Land Uses section, revise the following sentence:

There are ~~154~~ 147 campsites in three separate campground loops...

4. In the PARK SUMMARY section, page 32, Significant Resource Values, Natural Resources Summary and Evaluation, Sensitive Animal Populations, second paragraph, will be changed as follows:

Data from a few small scale wildlife surveys conducted since 1990 along with confirmed observations in the vicinity of the park show the presence of ~~12~~ 12 threatened species, and 7 sensitive species . .

5. In the PARK SUMMARY section, page 33, Significant Resource Values, Natural Resources Summary and Evaluation, Sensitive Animal Populations,

Birds, a paragraph will be added between the 3rd and 4th paragraphs as follows:

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (Federal threatened, California endangered) nesting habitat is found in forests up to 7000 feet elevation, within 1 mile of a fish-bearing water body. Suitable habitat includes forest with large diameter trees (> 2 feet in diameter). Nest trees are usually within view of a water body and are often prominently located on the topography. Bald eagles may be seen foraging over Donner Lake or perching in nearby trees, but no nests or winter roosts have been recorded. Bald eagle populations are gradually increasing in California and eagles continue to recolonize their former range. Each year, bald eagle pairs are discovered occupying new nesting territories. The suitable nesting and roosting habitat found within 1/2 mile of the lake shore may become occupied by breeding or wintering eagles in the future.

6. In the PARK SUMMARY section, page 51, in the Park Recreational Opportunities section, 4th paragraph, change the number of campsites from 154 to 147.
7. In THE PLAN section, page 79, Park-wide Management Goals and Guidelines, Animal Life Management, paragraph 4 will be changed as follows:

~~Twenty-seven~~ eight wildlife species known or potentially present in the park are . . .

8. In THE PLAN section, page 96, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, Unifying Theme, the following additions will be made:

The interrelationships of many, diverse natural and cultural factors create opportunities and challenge adaptations confronting the essence of human endeavor in the Sierra Nevada Range.

9. In THE PLAN section, page 96, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, first Primary Theme, the following additions will be made:

Natural processes of enormous scope create and change the land, water and inhabitants.

10. In THE PLAN section, page 96, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, first Primary Theme, first Supporting Theme, the following change will be made:

The Sierra Nevada Range ~~defines the Donner Lake Region~~ is a dynamic landscape.

11. In THE PLAN section, page 96, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, first Primary Theme, second Supporting Theme, the following change will be made:

The complex geological history of the Sierra Nevada Range is evident in defines the Donner Lake Region.

12. In THE PLAN section, page 96, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, third Primary Theme, first Supporting Theme, the following additions will be made:

Humans repeatedly encounter the physical constraints of the Sierra Nevada barrier.

13. In THE PLAN section, page 97, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, fifth Primary Theme, first Supporting Theme, the following additions will be made:

Limited or empowered by technological innovation, humans adapt the land to their needs and wants.

14. In THE PLAN section, page 97, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, sixth Primary Theme, the following additions will be made:

Humans attempt to hold dominion over nature; some win and some lose in the attempt.

15. In THE PLAN section, page 97, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Interpretation, sixth Primary Theme, first Supporting Theme, the following additions will be made:

Those who located and built the mountain crossings, and why and how they did.

16. In THE PLAN section, page 97, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for Aesthetics, paragraph #3, the following change will be made:

To sustain the aesthetic and audible auditory qualities...

17. In THE PLAN section, page 100, Park-Wide Goals and Guidelines for the Use of Sustainable Design, Guideline #4, will be modified as follows:

Consider the building or structure/land interface to minimize disturbance to site character, skyline, the dark sky, vegetation, hydrology, and soils.

18. APPENDIX D, Wildlife Habitats, will be modified as follows:

**Mixed Conifer (Jeffrey pine dominated) – PRESENT:
Osprey, bald eagle; POTENTIAL: . . .**

**Water (Donner Lake, ponds left from gravel mining) –
PRESENT: osprey; bald eagle; POTENTIAL: . . .**